

CLAIM(S):

4. (Amended) The [tie down strap] device of claim 3, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket through the holes on the pair of tabs.

21. (Amended) The [tie down strap] device of claim 20, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket.

26. (Amended) The device of claim 18, wherein the support is rotatably mounted such that the support is positioned between the motor and the transom when the motor is in a down position and the [axis] plane of rotation for the support is along a plane parallel to the length of the boat.

--29. An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket;

a support rotatably mounted with respect to the motor such that

when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate

about its mounting point to contact and support the motor

and when the motor is in a down position the support is

positioned between the motor and the transom; and

a tie down element which passes behind the motor and is secured to

the tie down bracket when the motor is in the up position to

hold the motor in contact with the support.

30. The device of claim 29 wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket through holes at opposite ends of the tie down bracket.

31. The device of claim 29 wherein the support has a cradle which receives and secures a drive shaft housing of the motor.

32. The device of claim 31 wherein the support has an first end and a second end, wherein the cradle is located at the first end, and wherein the support is rotatably mounted at its second end.

33. The device of claim 29, and further including:
means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.

34. An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a support having a cradle at a first end and having a second end rotatably mounted about a horizontal pivot axis which is generally parallel to the transom such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about the pivot axis to contact and support the motor in the cradle and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and

a flexible tie down element which passes behind the motor to hold the motor in contact with the cradle when the motor is in its up position.

35. The device of claim 34 wherein the cradle receives and secures the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor.

36. The device of claim 34 wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to move the support to a position for contacting and supporting the motor when the motor is raised to an up position.

37. An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket having holes at opposite ends;

a support having a cradle at an a first end, wherein a second end of the support is mounted for pivotal movement such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to a first position at which the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is in second position between the motor and the transom; and

a tie down element having a pair of hooks secured to its ends, wherein each one of the hooks is secured in one of the holes in the tie down bracket and the tie down strap passes behind the drive shaft housing of the motor to hold the drive shaft housing in contact with the cradle when the motor is in the up position.

38. The device of claim 37 wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to pivot the support when the motor is tilted to an up position.

39. An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a support rotatably mounted at a first end and having a cradle at a second end, the support being rotatable such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its first end so that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and

a tie down element which passes behind the motor for securing the drive shaft housing in place against the cradle when the motor is in an up position.

40. An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a support rotatably mounted at a first end and having a cradle at a second end, the support being rotatable such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its first end so that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and

means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position. --